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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

In the claims

Please replace claim 11 as indicated below. The changes may be found on the attached sheet.

11. (Amended) A system for detecting a defect in a semiconductor device that includes a semiconductor die having a circuit side and bulk silicon in a back side opposite the circuit side, comprising:

a first beam splitter adapted for optical manipulation relative to the back side of the semiconductor die;